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1. FOLLOWING LETTER TO LOS CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS
FROM EVENSEN SENT OUT JULY 11:

"AT THE CLOSE OF THE GENEVA SESSION OF THE THIRD
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA,
THE INFORMAL GROUP OF JURIDICAL EXPERTS REACHED
CONSENSUS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER INTER-
SESSIONAL MEETINGS. I HAVE EXPLORED THE POSSIB-
ILITIES FOR CONVENING A MEETING AT A SUITABLE
PLACE, AND AM PLEASED TO BE IN A POSITION TO IN-
VITE YOU TO A MEETING OF THE GROUP IN GENEVA, IN
THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, FROM 25TH AUGUST TO 5TH
SEPTEMBER, 1975.

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"THE MEETING WILL HAVE NECESSARY CONFERENCE FACILITIES, INCLUDING INTERPRETATION SERVICES FOR ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SPANISH, THANKS TO THE VALUABLE ASSISTANCE OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE COOPERATION OF THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS MR. BERNARDO ZULETA.

"I VENTURE TO SUGGEST, IN KEEPING WITH OUR DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA, THAT THE GROUP TAKE AS ITS SUBJECT MATTER FOR HIS MEETING QUESTIONS DEALT WITH BY THE THIRD COMMITTEE. THE GROUP HAS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT OF RULES RELATING TO THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION FROM VESSELS, AND COULD USEFULLY RESUME THIS DISCUSSION. FURTHERMORE, IT APPEARS TO ME THAT QUESTIONS RELATING TO MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH REQUIRE THE PARTICULAR ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP. THE BASIS FOR OUR WORK WILL OF COURSE BE THE INFORMAL SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT PRESENTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (DOCUMENT A/CONF. 62/WP.8/PART III), TO WHICH A FIRST READING MIGHT BE GIVEN. IT WOULD SEEM PRACTICAL TO BEGIN OUR EXERCIES WITH SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AND DEVOTE THE SECOND WEEK TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

"I WOULD RECALL THAT THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT DURING OUR LAST MEETING IN GENEVA THAT THE INFORMAL GROUP WOULD HENCEFORTH BE OPEN FOR GENERAL PARTICIPATION. I WELCOME THIS EXTENSION OF OUR CIRCLE, AND HAVE COMMUNICATED TO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THIS MEETING OF THE INFORMAL GROUP. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS CHANGE IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP, I TRUST THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN THE TRADITIONALLY OPEN, FRANK AND INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE WHICH HAS ASSURED A CLIMATE FOR DISCUSSION WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CONDUCIVE TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND A WILL TO REACH BROADLY ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS.

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"THE FIRST MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 11:00 A.M. AND WILL TAKE PLACE IN CONFERENCE ROOM NO. XXV. MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD BOTH IN THE MORNING AND IN THE AFTERNOON.

"IT WOULD BE CONVENTIENT IF YOU COULD LET ME KNOW, DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE INTERMEDIARY OF OUR PERMANENT

MISSIONS IN NEW YORK, WHETHER YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE
WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING."

2. VINDENES EXPLAINS THAT ALTERNATE WEEK SUGGESTION PUT FORWARD SO THAT ADVISORS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH NEED ONLY COME FOR ONE WEEK AND THOS FOR MARINE RESEARCH ONLY FOR ONE WEEK.

3. ON MARINE POLLUTION, VINDENES STATES THAT ONLY VESSEL SOURCE POLLUTION WILL BE CONSIDERED.

4. VINDENES, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM VACATION, DOES NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE PAUL ENGO HAS BEEN CONTACTED. TRESSELT, WHO IS ON VACATION, HAS DEFINITELY NOT GONE TO YAOUNDE. VINDENES IS NOT AWARE OF EVENSEN'S PLANS TO CONSULT ENGO.

5. VINDENES BELIEVES THAT EVENSEN WOULD WELCOME FURTHER CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON AFTER ARRIVING IN MIAMI ON AUGUST 8 ABOARD "CHRISTIAN RADICH." EVENSEN CAN BE REACHED BY "TELEX" ON "CHRISTIAN RADICH", AND VINDENES SUGGESTS THAT MESSAGE BE SENT TO HIM AT SEA VIA NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH QUERY EVENSEN ABOUT ENGO AT SAME TIME. AT PRESENT EVENSEN PLANS RETURN TO NORWAY AUGUST 10 AND HAS TOLD MEXICANS HE WILL HAVE TO DEFER CONSULTATIONS WITH THEM.

6. VINDENES SAYS VERY FEW ACCEPTANCES TO GROUP MEETING RECEIVED AS YET. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE STATUS IN AUGUST.

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